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THE SOOKE MINES

The intelligence which we present to our readers this morning is sufficient to reproduce the excitement of 1858. That paying diggings for four or five thousand men should exist almost in our vicinity is startling enough; but that there should be "any amount of five cent dirt, which with proper tools, would average ten cents to the pan," is something that so nearly approaches the incredible that we may be well excused if we allow a little doubt to creep in upon our reflections. We were prepared, as our previous article showed, to hear of payable diggings being struck on the Sooke river; because gold, in considerable quantity, had been found several years ago on it and the adjacent streams; but when we said payable diggings, we were not so ambitious as to ask for the miners about \$30 a day. However, the letter of Dr. Brown is clear enough and explicit enough, and when we are told that the lowest prospect obtained was three cents to the pan, and the highest one dollar, we must accept the statement as correct, only reserving to ourselves the doubt that places which have not undergone the manipulation of the prospector, will turn out equally well.

We are anxious to see a large population on Sooke river as soon as possible; but we are not anxious to see men leave employment with the idea that they are going to make their "pile" at Sooke, or on San Juan river, situated on the "other side of Jordan." We have seen enough of pan prospects to mistrust them; we know that in nine cases out of ten they will give a much larger average than the result of a day or a week's work, and the reason is obvious to those who understand mining. It is necessary, therefore, for those who are about to forsake Victoria for Sooke, to keep their imaginations within bounds. There may possibly be \$20 diggings, or \$30 diggings, but there will be much less disappointment if the adventurers who go to these newly discovered mines limit their aspirations to \$3 or \$4 a day. The Colony may well be satisfied if anything like this amount is averaged, and the exploring expedition will have deserved well of the country; although we do not exactly see, as Mr. Brown would have us infer, that they as a Government expedition, are entitled to come within the terms of the Gold Proclamation.

A duty devolves immediately upon the Government to bring this notorious region under mining regulations. The only thing we would wish to impress upon the authorities is the necessity of limiting the size of the claims and the amount of the license or certificate. We have no reason to suppose that our gold-fields are illimitable or that they will bear any comparison in extent with those of the neighboring colony. It is therefore desirable that they should be made to "go" as far as possible, consistent with fairness to those employed. The amount of the certificate should be at the outside, no higher than that paid in the neighboring colony. The class of people who will resort at this season of the year in Victoria to gold mining can scarcely be otherwise than "scant o' cash," and every dollar is an item of grave importance in their prospects. It is the interest of the colony generally that a large population should be thrown upon Sooke and its tributaries; for then we should have immediate results, with the prospect, probably, of other diggings being discovered. But if the miner is to be met by eight or ten dollars at the outset, it is suggested by some, a serious impediment will at once be thrown in the way, and the development of the newly discovered mines at the commencement retarded. Every encouragement that a liberal Government can give should be afforded the miners; for we are entering upon a speculation that however satisfactory may be its results when taken microscopically, is still in its larger and more practical bearings indeterminate. With proper mining regulations we see no reason why we should not have a thousand men at work before the expiration of a couple of months; and should the good opinion which is at present formed of the Sooke river, be maintained on the lapse of that period, we may prepare for an influx of population that will make proper holders in Victoria fancy that the Island Millennium is at hand, and that we at length control the trade with Mexico and the Amour river. At all events, we know that gold has been discovered in quantities that cannot fail to attract population, and that provisions can be obtained at but a trifling advance on Victoria prices. So long, therefore, as a man can live upon a dollar a day, we have no fears for the result; but every hope that the country will be well prospected before any portion of the "rush" retraces its steps to this city.

Victoria Turn Verein.

A SPECIAL MEETING of the Members is called for SATURDAY Evening the 30th instant at NINE o'clock p.m. at the "TURNHALLE,"

View Street. Punctual attendance is requested as important matters will be laid before the Meeting.

By order, H. F. HEISTERMAN, Schreiber.

July 29

Wanted.

A CLERK FOR ONE OF THE PUBLIC OFFICES. He must be competent to do the correspondence and keep accounts accurately. He must be a native of Victoria, necessary for any pecuniary transaction required in him.

Personal respectability will be indispensable. Candidates must be willing to give to the Colonial Secretary a copy of any testimonials they possess as to character and capacity. Salary \$1,200 per annum.

GEORGE WAKEFORD, Acting Colonial Secretary

NOTICE.

VICTORIA STOCK & SHARE EXCHANGE

ALL SUBSCRIBERS TO THE VICTORIA STOCK & SHARE EXCHANGE are hereby notified that unless their subscriptions for the present month, and arrears of subscriptions for the past two months, are paid in full, their names will be struck out of the list and published as delinquents.

Dated this 27th day of July, 1864.

By order of the President,

GEORGE WAKEFORD, Acting Secretary.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

SOOKE GOLD MINES

THE STEAMER

ENTERPRISE,

CAPT. MOUAT,

Will leave the B. B. Company's Wharf

On SATURDAY Evening at 5 o'clock, July 30, for Sooke Harbor; Returning to Victoria on MONDAY by 9 A.M.

FARE, there and back, \$2.00.

2 Beds and Meals can be procured on Board.

July 29

Money to Lend.

\$5,000

\$1,000

On Mortgage immediately.

Apply to H. F. HEISTERMAN, Real Estate Agent, 36 Government St.

To Lumber Merchants

—AND—

CONSIGNERS OF SHIPS!

THE UNDERSIGNED AGENTS IN

Victoria, and in part Owners of the New Mill situated on the Victoria River, in the Wainwright Territory, respectfully invite the attention of parties shipping Cargo, & Lumber, about to their Agents, for the purpose of loading their vessels with Despatch. Ship Masters and others acquainted with Freight and Wages, know that Freight is about the same rate as in Victoria Harbor, and easier of access than any other portion of the Sound. The Mill is now prepared to manufacture to order all kinds of

ROUGH LUMBER,

T. & G. FLOORING;

Boards & Planks

Surfaced on one or both Sides,

SHIP & DECK PLANK.

TIMBER

From 6 inches to 20 inches,

Square Planed out of Wind

ON ALL SIDES.

Having adopted the best known modern Machinery, and the best known methods, all dimensions with great accuracy, and the same are determined to supply the best qualities of both lumber and timber, which will be trimmed to any and all lengths required from 12 to 30 feet.

The Mill Co. will also furnish

Cargoes of Piles & Spars

AT THE SHORTEST NOTICE.

Orders for Cargoes, which will be sold at the west market rates, are solicited by

J. G. JACKMON & CO., Agents for the Free Port Mill Company.

WANTED TO CHARTER—Vessels to load for San Francisco.

July 29

COAL AND WOOD!

—AND—

JUST ARRIVED

A Large Supply of

COAL !

And Wood !

OF THE BEST QUALITY.

To which the undersigned begs to call the attention of

Housekeepers,

Manufacturers,

Steamboat Owners

AND OTHER CONSUMERS

All orders left at the Office of the late firm of J. T. Little & Co.

City Wharf !

Will be filled with punctuality and dispatch.

JAMES FRAIN.

July 29

POCOCK & KEAST,

IMPORTERS,

LANGLEY STREET, VICTORIA.

Invite attention to their stock of

Choice Wines and Spirits,

—EX—

ROYAL CHARLIE AND CHRYSOLITE.

N. B. Families supplied at lowest prices by the dozen, or not less than two gallons.

July 29

Government Gazette.

PERSONS DESIRING TO BE MUP

PLIED with the Government Gazette at the office of the Gazette.

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Notice.

THE BRITISH COLONIST

Friday Morning, July 29, 1864.

COMMERCIAL.

Auction Sales This Day.

J. A. McCREA will sell this day, at 11 o'clock, at saleroom, the Eureka Lime Works, situated on San Juan Island.

J. P. DAVIES & CO. will sell this day, at 12 o'clock, at saleroom, by order of the mortgagee, a quantity of Fort street Property.

DUNCAN & GEORGE will sell this day, at 11 a.m., at saleroom, a quantity of Clothing, Dry Goods, etc.

P. M. BACKUS, at 11 a.m. this day, will hold an Underwriters' Sale of Damaged Goods, & Royal Charter. The goods consist of Blankets, Harness, Carpet, etc., etc.

From THE SOUND.—The sloop Letitia arrived yesterday from Sitka, with a cargo of flour, wheat, hay, vegetables, &c.

For THE SOUND.—The steamer Eliza Anderson left yesterday morning at 7 a.m. for Olympia and way-points, taking an unusual number of passengers.

LOADING AT THE SOUND.—10 large ships at Port Gamble, 3 do. at Port Ludlow, and 3 do. at Utsaldu; names not known; principally English vessels.

Sur WILLIAM WILSON.—This ship was seen on Wednesday afternoon, at 6 p.m., off Protection Island.

From SAN JUAN ISLAND.—The sloop John Thornton arrived on Wednesday night from San Juan lime quarries, with 300 bbls lime.

IMPORTS.

Per sloop LETITIA, from Port Townsend—10 bales hay, 9 do. oats, 6 do. hams, 20 bbls flour, 200 bbls wheat, 200 tons—value \$750.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

INTERIOR.—July 23.—Sloop Letitia, Adams, Port Angeles. Sloop John Thornton, Clarke, San Juan. Sloop John E. Wright, Nootka. Sloop Hunter, Littorine, San Juan. Sloop Enterprise, Mount, New Westminster. Sloop Meg Merrilles, Pamlico, Souke.

CLEARED.

July 28.—Sloop Eagle, Knight, Nootka. Sloop Alexander, Mount, New Westminster. Sloop Enterprise, Mount, San Juan. Sloop Meg Merrilles, Pamlico, Souke.

THE VIOLATION CASE.

The investigation into the charges preferred against the colored man, William Francis Kerr, by Henry Robinson, for a gross outrage alleged to have been committed upon the persons of his daughters, three helpless little girls, named Anna, Catherine, and

Robinson, of the tender ages of 8, 6½, and 4 respectively, took place yesterday in the Police Court, but the proceedings, for too revolting and disgusting for publication in our columns, suffice it to say that after hearing the testimony of the father and mother of the much abused children that of two of their daughters (who were evidently frightened, and spoke somewhat incoherently; also Mr. Sampson, constable of Salt Spring, and Doctors Helmcken and Davi, the magistrate committed the prisoner for trial in the case of Anna Robinson, and remanded him to the police court, but dismissed the other two charges.

Previous to committing the prisoner made the following statement:

Worked for Mr. Robinson for the last two months at Salt Spring; I commenced working on 30th May and worked till last of June, and then came to Victoria. I stopped a few days and returned on the 6th July, and have worked ever since clearing up land, etc., for Mr. R. until I was arrested; in the last two weeks I had made trouble with Mr. R. I was always working, saving I could not work, and about work for six months without sharpening my ax. On Tuesday when I was arrested I went up to the house and saw two or three men armed with guns and rifles, and Sampson arrested me; I did not know what for, and thought it was a second charge made by Burnside, with whom I had some trouble in the police court; I never had any connection whatever with the children. I did not know except he appeared to be a colored man, and when he and his wife were never near them than when their mother has been present and I was teaching them their lessons. I am not guilty.

ROBUSTIAN ASSAULT.—Last evening a man hailing from the American side, whose name we did not ascertain, was standing at the corner of Government and Yates streets, in the presence of a number of other persons, when he was suddenly, and without the slightest provocation or warning, violently attacked from behind, receiving a severe blow on the back of his head with a shotgun or other heavy instrument, which knocked him senseless. The coward who inflicted the blow then dealt several more on his head and face in rapid succession and made off. The injured man was taken to Dr. R. on the 4th, and when he was seen again, the which he was being professedly dressed, the Doctor found the first blow had penetrated the skull to the bone, leaving the skull so loose that it could be probed; the other wounds were also deep and severe. The sufferer rallied after his wounds received attention, and vowed vengeance against the perpetrator of the deed, who he believed had assaulted him in this cruel manner in consequence of a dispute which occurred some time ago on the Sound.

THE POWER OR GORN.—Within a few hours after the good news brought to town by Corporal Butt and Mr. Foley had been made public, numerous companies were formed and gavock provided for an immediate stampede to our New Island Diggings. The excitement however, did not rest here. The steamer Enterprise was announced to leave for Sooke on Saturday afternoon. The Meg Merrilles was chartered to sail on an hour's notice, and other craft, canoes, &c., were in requisition to convey eager passengers to the port of El Dorado. We hear that speculators in gold have driven over to make out a Torn Site of Sooke. The port will be better bid than Lord Dundour's "early bird" which "got the salt on its tail."

STRANGE PROCEEDING.—Three Norwegian Seafarers, who have just arrived from Alberni in a canoe, state that when they reached the head of Barclay Sound, they were pursued and overtaken by about thirty Indians, 20 canoes, who took them to their ranch and detained them for 14 hours before they would consent to their release. The Indians were said to be very friendly, and to allow no who were not to leave the Sound. This is a matter which should arrest the attention of those concerned, for if the statement be correct (and we have no reason to doubt it), we may hear of serious troubles ensuing from such a practice.

H. M. S. TRIBUNE.—We regret to learn that the Tribune is still making much water, and it is feared that she may have to proceed to San Francisco, and be placed in the dry dock for repairs. In the mean time, we understand that she will go into the Straits on a trial trip.

THE next mail steamer will be due here on Wednesday next. She was to leave San Francisco on Wednesday.

WE learn from good authority that the well-known Chimney Sweep Professor, Chas. C. Daly, of the London Hotel, will give a series of Lectures in one of our Public Halls (previous to his departure for Chile, Peru, Mexico and Europe) on the construction of chimneys and the cause of the accumulation of soot in them.

FARM FOR SALE.—The attention of persons desiring to secure a fine farm and comfortable homestead, in the rich rural district known as the Willamette Valley, Oregon, is directed to the notice of sale in our advertising columns.

THE SOOKE DIGGINGS.

RICH DISCOVERIES!

EXTENSIVE GOLD FIELDS

LETTER FROM DR. BROWN.

The quiet which has reigned in this community during the last three months was completely dispelled yesterday, and the whole city thrown into a state of excitement by the announcement of extensive surface diggings, of surprising richness, having been discovered by the Exploration party on the Sooke and Leech Rivers. The intelligence is contained in the following letter, addressed to the Exploration Committee, by Dr. Brown, the commander, which will undoubtedly be perused with the liveliest interest.

The Committee met yesterday afternoon at Mr. Foley's office, and heard the statements of Mr. Foley, one of the party, a miner of considerable experience, who had just returned, and he confirmed the details furnished by Dr. Brown. Dr. Foley had with him specimens that during the last four miles of their ascent of the Sooke River, they prospected and found indications of gold, but nothing to pay; but thence up to the junction of a tributary flowing from the westward, which they named Leech river, after Lieut. Leech, they found good \$5 diggings. Some of the prospecting being as high as 25 cents to the pan. The party, consisting of Messrs. Butt, Foley, and myself, and Mr. Clegg, Mr. Clegg being the Birches' son, of 5 miles, when they reached the mouth of another stream, which they did not explore.

Cross-examined by Mr. Ring—That is the copy of the invoice made by Mr. John S. Bishop, who came left the colony. Quarles paid me no money on account of the note, he paid me \$200 on general account. The goods were examined by Mr. Clegg, and the amount of the note agreed upon them.

Upon Mr. Wilkins representing that there must be something wrong about the matter I went to inspect the bales; they were already opened when I saw them. The payment made by Quarles to me were upon general account, not in part payment of any notes of hand given by him. Here is a statement from my book; from the ledger \$100 was due to me after the payment was made, and the amount of the note paid by Mr. Ring to the witness.

Attorney-General Cary—I object to any amount paid by Quarles to me upon that book account, but the payment of hand given by him to the witness.

Mr. Ring—Don't put yourself in a state of excitement, you don't know what the book is.

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WANTS. 1000
Information Wanted.
INFORMATION WANTED OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
CANTON OF GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, AND OF THE
CANTON OF Vaud, Switzerland, to be communicated to the Austrian Government for
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